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## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEW/elect  
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In re U.S. Application of: )

Applicant(s) Yamakawa et al. )

Serial No.: 09/813,244 )

Conf. No.: 1734 )

Filed: March 20, 2001 )

For: ROTATION CONTROL METHOD  
AND STORAGE APPARATUS )

Art Unit: 2655 )

Examiner: Patel, Gautam )

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-150

Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement mailed August 4, 2003, Applicants elect Group A and Species I (Figs. 1-15, First Embodiment), with traverse. Applicants believe that Claims 1-7 read on Group A and Species I. The grounds for traversal are that examination of the other group and all other species would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. The non-elected claims share several common features with the elected claims, and a search for the two groups would likely

overlap. For this reason, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction and Election of Species Requirements are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

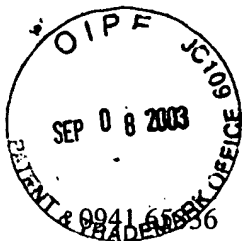
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Sir:

- (X) Enclosed is a Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirement.
- ( ) Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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